

2004-05

Tuition Incentive Program



Fact Sheet

What

A high school completion program that offers to pay for the first two years of college and beyond for identified students who graduate from high school or complete their GED before age 20. It assists students in two phases:

Phase I

Phase I will pay tuition and mandatory fees for eligible students who are enrolled in an associate degree program or certificate courses at a participating Michigan community college, public university, or independent non-profit degree-granting college, federal tribally controlled college or FOCUS:HOPE.

Mandatory fees can not exceed \$250.00 per semester/term and are defined as “only those fees that are charged to all students across the board as a requirement for enrollment at the institution.” Some examples would be a student activity fee or a registration fee. No college admissions or course specific fees will be covered.

Phase I covers the cost of tuition at the current in-district rate at participating Michigan Community Colleges. For persons residing in an area that is not included in any community college district, the out-of-district rate may be authorized.

Tuition at the lower level resident rate is covered at a **participating** Michigan public university.

A total of \$69.00 (changes each academic year) per credit hour is covered at a **participating** independent non-profit degree granting college, federal tribally controlled college or FOCUS:HOPE.

Not all colleges/universities offer associate degree programs. Contact the school you plan on attending to see if they participate in Phase I. If you choose a Phase II school, you will not be able to get TIP benefits until your junior year, and then only at the rate of \$500 per semester or \$400 per term.

Student must initiate enrollment within four years of high school graduation or GED completion. The program will pay up to a maximum of 80 semester or 120 term credits (**24 semester or 36 term credits per academic year**).

Phase II

Phase II will pay tuition and mandatory fees (does not include college admissions fees) not to exceed \$500 per semester or \$400 per term up to a maximum of \$2,000 for credits earned in a four-year program at a Michigan degree-granting college or university.

Coursework for Phase II must be completed within 30 months of completion of Phase I requirements.

Student does not have to receive Phase I benefits to be eligible for Phase II.

Who

To meet the financial eligibility requirement, a student must have (or have had) Medicaid coverage for 24 months within a 36 consecutive month period as identified by the Department of Human Services (DHS). This can happen as early as the sixth grade. The Michigan Department of Treasury (Treasury) will send an application form to the home of each of these identified students.

The student must then complete that application form and return it to Treasury **before** graduation from high school (or GED completion) **and before** their 20th birthday to activate the financial eligibility for the program. Only then will the student receive a “confirmation letter.”

(Continued)

Phase I

To receive Phase I benefits, the student must further demonstrate to the college:

- Evidence of eligibility, i.e., submit a copy of the “confirmation letter” to the financial aid office of the college.
- High School graduation (or GED completion) prior to age 20.
- U.S. citizenship or eligible non-citizen status as documented by an I-551 card, I-551C card, or INS I-94 record designating “refugee,” “asylum granted,” “humanitarian parole,” “indefinite parole,” or “Cuban-Haitian entrant” status.
- Michigan residence as determined by institutional criteria.
- Students have up to four (4) years to initiate enrollment at a participating college, but **all benefits must be used within ten (10) years of high school graduation (or GED completion) or student forfeits program eligibility.**
- At least half-time enrollment in a program earning less than 80 semester or 120 term credits.
- Satisfactory academic progress according to institutional policy.
- An award is prohibited to any student who has defaulted on a loan guaranteed by the Authority, or any Federal Title IV/V loan unless he/she has made satisfactory arrangements to repay the loan.

Phase II

To receive Phase II benefits, the student must demonstrate the eligibility criteria for Phase I and have one of the following:

- 56 transferable semester or 84 transferable term credits.
- An associate degree or certificate.

Please note:

- See the *Participating Institution List* for a complete list of schools.

See the attached list and note which institutions are Phase II ONLY prior to enrollment.

For more information:

Michigan Department of Treasury
Office of Scholarships and Grants
P.O. Box 30462
Lansing, MI 48909-7962
1.888.447.2687 (toll free); www.Michigan.gov/mistudentaid

(Continued)

Tuition Incentive Program Participating Institutions

Community Colleges **Eligible charges include current in-district tuition and mandatory fees. For persons residing in an area that is not included in any community college district, the out-of-district tuition rate may be authorized.**

Phase I ONLY

Alpena Community College	Mid-Michigan Community College
Bay de Noc Community College	Monroe County Community College
Bay Mills Community College	Montcalm Community College
Delta College	Mott Community College
Glen Oaks Community College	Muskegon Community College
Gogebic Community College	North Central Michigan College
Grand Rapids Community College	Northwestern Michigan College
Henry Ford Community College	Oakland Community College
Jackson Community College	Saint Clair Co. Community College
Kalamazoo Valley Community College	Schoolcraft College
Kellogg Community College	Southwestern Michigan College
Kirtland Community College	Washtenaw Community College
Lake Michigan College	Wayne County Community College
Lansing Community College	West Shore Community College
Macomb Community College	

Public Universities

**Eligible charges include lower level resident tuition and mandatory fees for the current year.
Remember – you must be enrolled in an associate degree program to be eligible for TIP Phase I benefits.**

Phase I and Phase II

Ferris State University	Michigan Technological University
Lake Superior State University	Northern Michigan University
Michigan State University	

Phase II ONLY

Central Michigan University	Saginaw Valley State University
Eastern Michigan University	University of Michigan
Grand Valley State University	Wayne State University
Oakland University	Western Michigan University

***Independent,
Nonprofit Colleges
and Universities***

**Eligible charges include mandatory fees for the current year and a per credit payment that does not exceed the average community college in-district per credit tuition rate.
Remember – you must be enrolled in an associate degree program to be eligible for TIP Phase I benefits.**

Phase I and Phase II

Aquinas College	Madonna University
Baker College	Marygrove College
Concordia College	Michigan Jewish Institute
Cornerstone University	Northwood University
Davenport University	Reformed Bible College
Finlandia University	Rochester College
Grace Bible College	Siena Heights College
Great Lakes Christian College	Spring Arbor University
Lawrence Technological University	William Tyndale College
Lewis College of Business	

Phase II ONLY

Albion college
Alma College
Adrian College
Andrews University
Cleary College

Hope College
Olivet College
Robert B. Miller College
University of Detroit Mercy
Walsh College

Other Institutions
Phase I ONLY

Focus: HOPE
Michigan federal tribally controlled community college